H. R. 3375

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to allow grants to local educational agencies for the purpose of providing assistance to such agencies most directly affected by crime and violence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Brooks (for himself and Mr. Schumer) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Education and Labor

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SEC. 101. SAFE SCHOOLS.
- 4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Omnibus Crime
- 5 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711
- 6 et seq.), is amended—
- 7 (1) by redesignating part X as part Y;

1	(2) by redesignating section 2401 as section
2	2501; and
3	(3) by inserting after part W the following:
4	"PART X—SAFE SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE
5	"SEC. 2401. GRANT AUTHORIZATION.
6	"(a) In General.—The Director of the Bureau of
7	Justice Assistance, in consultation with the Secretary of
8	Education, may make grants to local educational agencies
9	for the purpose of providing assistance to such agencies
10	most directly affected by crime and violence.
11	"(b) Model Project.—The Director, in consulta-
12	tion with the Secretary of Education, shall develop a writ-
13	ten safe schools model in English and in Spanish in a
14	timely fashion and make such model available to any local
15	educational agency that requests such information.
16	"SEC. 2402. USE OF FUNDS.
17	"Grants made by the Director under this part shall
18	be used—
19	"(1) to fund anticrime and safety measures and
20	to develop education and training programs for the
21	prevention of crime, violence, and illegal drugs and
22	alcohol;
23	"(2) for counseling programs for victims of
24	crime within schools;

1	"(3) for crime prevention equipment, including
2	metal detectors and video-surveillance devices; and
3	"(4) for the prevention and reduction of the
4	participation of young individuals in organized crime
5	and drug and gang-related activities in schools.
6	"SEC. 2403. APPLICATIONS.
7	"(a) In GENERAL.—In order to be eligible to receive
8	a grant under this part for any fiscal year, a local edu-
9	cational agency shall submit an application to the Director
10	in such form and containing such information as the Di-
11	rector may reasonably require.
12	"(b) REQUIREMENTS.—Each application under sub-
13	section (a) shall include—
14	"(1) a request for funds for the purposes de-
15	scribed in section 2402;
16	"(2) a description of the schools and commu-
17	nities to be served by the grant, including the nature
18	of the crime and violence problems within such
19	schools;
20	"(3) assurances that Federal funds received
21	under this part shall be used to supplement, not
22	supplant, non-Federal funds that would otherwise be
23	available for activities funded under this part; and
24	"(4) statistical information in such form and
25	containing such information that the Director may

1	require regarding crime within schools served by
2	such local educational agency.
3	"(c) Comprehensive Plan.—Each application shall
4	include a comprehensive plan that shall contain—
5	"(1) a description of the crime problems within
6	the schools targeted for assistance;
7	"(2) a description of the projects to be devel-
8	oped;
9	"(3) a description of the resources available in
10	the community to implement the plan together with
11	a description of the gaps in the plan that cannot be
12	filed with existing resources;
13	"(4) an explanation of how the requested grant
14	will be used to fill gaps;
15	"(5) a description of the system the applicant
16	will establish to prevent and reduce crime problems;
17	and
18	"(6) a description of educational materials to be
19	developed in Spanish.
20	"SEC. 2404. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS; LIMITATIONS ON
21	GRANTS.
22	"(a) Administrative Cost Limitation.—The Di-
23	rector shall use not more than 5 percent of the funds avail-
24	able under this part for the purposes of administration
25	and technical assistance.

1	"(b) Renewal of Grants.—A grant under this
2	part may be renewed for up to 2 additional years after
3	the first fiscal year during which the recipient receives its
4	initial grant under this part, subject to the availability of
5	funds, if—
6	"(1) the Director determines that the funds
7	made available to the recipient during the previous
8	year were used in a manner required under the ap-
9	proved application; and
10	"(2) the Director determines that an additional
11	grant is necessary to implement the crime prevention
12	program described in the comprehensive plan as re-
13	quired by section 2403(c).
14	"SEC. 2405. AWARD OF GRANTS.
15	"(a) Selection of Recipients.—The Director, in
16	consultation with the Secretary of Education, shall con-
17	sider the following factors in awarding grants to local edu-
18	cational agencies:
19	"(1) CRIME PROBLEM.—The nature and scope
20	of the crime problem in the targeted schools.
21	"(2) Need and ability.—Demonstrated need
22	and evidence of the ability to provide the services de-

scribed in the plan required under section 2403(c).

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- 1 "(3) POPULATION.—The number of students to
- 2 be served by the plan required under section
- 3 2403(c).
- 4 "(b) Geographic Distribution.—The Director
- 5 shall attempt, to the extent practicable, to achieve an equi-
- 6 table geographic distribution of grant awards.

7 "SEC. 2406. REPORTS.

- 8 "(a) Report to Director.—Local educational
- 9 agencies that receive funds under this part shall submit
- 10 to the Director a report not later than March 1 of each
- 11 year that describes progress achieved in carrying out the
- 12 plan required under section 2403(c).
- 13 "(b) Report to Congress.—The Director shall
- 14 submit to the House Committee on Education and Labor,
- 15 the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources,
- 16 and the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and
- 17 the House of Representatives a report by October 1 of
- 18 each year in which grants are made available under this
- 19 part which shall contain a detailed statement regarding
- 20 grant awards, activities of grant recipients, a compilation
- 21 of statistical information submitted by applicants under
- 22 2403(b)(4), and an evaluation of programs established
- 23 under this part.
- 24 "SEC. 2407. DEFINITIONS.
- 25 "For the purpose of this part:

1 "(1) The term 'Director' means the Director of 2 the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

"(2) The term 'local educational agency' means a public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a State for either administrative control or direction of, or to perform a service function for, public elementary and secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a State, or such combination of school districts of counties as are recognized in a State as an administrative agency for its public elementary and secondary schools. Such term includes any other public institution or agency having administrative control and direction of a public elementary or secondary school.".

16 (b) Conforming Amendment.—The table of con17 tents of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
18 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711 et seq.), is amended
19 by striking the matter relating to part X and inserting
20 the following:

"PART X—SAFE SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE

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[&]quot;Sec. 2401. Grant authorization.

[&]quot;Sec. 2402. Use of funds.

[&]quot;Sec. 2403. Applications.

[&]quot;Sec. 2404. Allocation of funds; limitations on grants.

[&]quot;Sec. 2405. Award of grants.

[&]quot;Sec. 2406. Reports.

[&]quot;Sec. 2407. Definitions.

[&]quot;PART Y—TRANSITION; EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALER

"Sec. 2501. Continuation of rules, authorities, and proceedings.".

1 SEC. 2402. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- 2 Section 1001(a) of the Omnibus Crime Control and
- 3 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3793), is amended
- 4 by adding after paragraph (17) the following:
- 5 "(18) There are authorized to be appropriated
- 6 \$100,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1994, 1995, and
- 7 1996 to carry out the projects under part X.".

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